The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-14 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

a packet transmitter for transmitting image data in packets and for selectively transmitting sound data in packets, wherein the sound data is divided into packets of invariable packet size and the image data is divided into packets of variable packet size;

a detector for detecting an amount of sound data to be transmitted in packets; and

a controller for controlling the variable packet size of the packets of image data to be transmitted by said packet transmitter, according to a detection result of said detector.

2. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller changes the packet size of the image data gradationally according to the amount of the sound

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data to be transmitted in packets.

3. (Amended)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller changes the packet size of the image data according to whether the amount of the sound data to be transmitted in packets is zero or non-zero.

4. (Amended)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising an image input unit for inputting the image data by photographing an image.

5. (Amended)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said image input unit includes one of a motion-picture camera and a still-picture camera.

6. (Amended)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a sound input unit for inputting the sound data.

7. (Amended)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said sound input unit includes a microphone.

8. (Amended)   A communication apparatus according to

Claim 1, further comprising a compression unit for compressing at least one of the image data and the sound data.

9. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a receiver for receiving image data and sound data transferred in packets; and

a player unit for playing the image data and the sound data received by said receiver.

10. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said player unit includes an expansion unit for expanding the received image data and the received sound data.

11. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said player unit includes a display for visibly displaying an image corresponding to the received image data.

12. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said player unit includes a speaker for outputting sound corresponding to the received sound data.

13. (Amended) A communication method comprising:

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a packet transmission step of transmitting image data
in packets and of selectively transmitting sound data in packets,
wherein the sound data is divided into packets of invariable
packet size and the image data is divided into packets of
variable packet size;

a detection step of detecting an amount of sound data
to be transmitted in packets; and

a control step of controlling the variable packet
size of the packets of image data to be transmitted in said
packet transmission step, according to a detection result of said
detection step.

14. (Amended) A computer-readable recording medium
storing a program for a communication method of a communication
apparatus, the program comprising:

program code for a packet transmission step of
transmitting image data in packets and of selectively
transmitting sound data in packets, wherein the sound data is
divided into packets of invariable packet size and the image data
is divided into packets of variable packet size;

program code for a detection step of detecting an
amount of sound data to be transmitted in packets; and

program code for a control step of controlling the

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